

# KIRKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

123 5th Avenue Kirkland, WA 98033

CASE# 2018-00031181

## CASE REPORT

### NARRATIVE

Case 18-31181

Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

8/19/18

Officer R. Kaufman #635

On 8/18/18, I was working uniformed patrol for the City of Kirkland, County of King, and the State of Washington. At approximately 2208 hours, I was dispatched to a report of an assault that had occurred at Fairfax Hospital, located at 10200 NE 132nd St in Kirkland, WA. The reporting party, later identified as the victim **Non-Disclosure** (DOB **Non-Disclosure**), explained she was a nurse at Fairfax and that a patient had been physical with staff.

I arrived at Fairfax at approximately 2212 hours and met with **Non-Disclosure** in the lobby of Fairfax Hospital. **Non-Disclosure** was wearing blue nursing scrubs and had an official ID Card with "RN" in bold lettering that was clearly visible to see on a lanyard attached to her shirt. I could see slight redness to **Non-Disclosure** left cheek, just underneath her glasses and over an area that resembled an open palm. I asked **Non-Disclosure** if she would like to be evaluated by Aid and she declined. **Non-Disclosure** later sent me a picture she had taken of herself just after being slapped and this picture has been uploaded to the case.

**Non-Disclosure** told me she is a Registered Nurse currently working in the position of Charge Nurse and has been employed at the Fairfax Hospital for two years. **Non-Disclosure** explained she was working tonight and had been interacting with a patient that had voluntarily approached Fairfax for treatment with her addiction to Heroin and "Benzos" and had been admitted the day before, on 8/17/18. **Non-Disclosure** referred to this patient as **Non-Disclosure**, identity was later confirmed with her matching DOL photo as **Non-Disclosure**. **Non-Disclosure** also said that **Non-Disclosure** had made suicidal comments about wanting to kill herself and hurt other staff members during the confrontation she was about to describe.

**Non-Disclosure** explained she was in her Nursing Office at around 2045 hours and heard yelling, swearing, and the sounds of plastic chairs being thrown and hitting things in the hall outside her office. She noted that she exited her office to see the source of the sounds and several patients were pointing in the direction of where **Non-Disclosure** room was and saying something like, "it was the new girl." **Non-Disclosure** said she walked to **Non-Disclosure** room with Fairfax security personnel named **Non-Disclosure** and stood at the door way approximately nine feet away from **Non-Disclosure**. **Non-Disclosure** described the room as having multiple beds and that **Non-Disclosure** was in the bed furthest from the door. **Non-Disclosure** explained she asked **Non-Disclosure** what was going on and that **Non-Disclosure** started yelling about the hospital not giving her the appropriate medications. **Non-Disclosure** described **Non-Disclosure** screaming at her saying that they were not helping her and that she needed more and stronger medication. **Non-Disclosure** said she explained to **Non-Disclosure** the different medications and dosages that the doctor had prescribed earlier that day at around 1800 hours.

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█████ explained her comments about the medications appeared to anger █████ and █████ stood up, grabbed a juice box that was nearby and threw it at the wall, not in the direction of █████ and █████ said █████ then grabbed a plastic laundry basket and started smashing it against a nearby wall. █████ said she was concerned about another patient that was in the same room as █████ and in between █████ and █████ said █████ took a step towards where she was standing and █████ also took a step back. █████ noted that █████ then started trying to pull out her own hair. █████ said █████ started screaming about wanting more meds and that she told █████ there would not be additional medications administered. █████ said after this comment █████ suddenly charged directly at █████ on foot, raising her right hand to her side at about her head level and struck █████ on her left cheek with an open palm. The slap caused redness to █████ cheek and caused pain to █████ █████ left the room and Fairfax Hospital security secured █████ until additional medications were administered to calm her down. Police were contacted after staff gained control of the situation and after █████ continued to make additional threats about hurting other staff. █████ is a Registered Nurse employed at Fairfax and was performing her nursing and health care duties at the time of the assault.

In anticipation of taking █████ into custody, I asked █████ what medications █████ had taken this evening. █████ said █████ had taken 100mg of Librium orally at about 2000 hours. █████ said █████ was administered 1mg Adavan, 50mg Benadryl, and 5mg Haldol intra muscularly at approximately 2100 hours, after the assault had taken place.

Based on the above noted facts and circumstances, █████ was determined to have committed the crime of Assault 3rd Degree. I collected a written statement from █████ that summarized the above sequence of events and have submitted it with the case. I spoke with Nursing Supervisor █████ who explained there should be video surveillance available in the hallway near where the incident took place, but not in the actual patient room. █████ indicated the video would likely not be ready until Monday, 8/20.

█████ also advised that she would bring █████ out into a secured hallway and that we would not be going into the unit where █████ room and bed was located. I followed █████ into the secured hallway and after a brief time, █████ was escorted out to me. █████ was wearing a long bathrobe, a long white shirt, and pajama slippers. I used my department issued handcuffs to secure █████ hands behind her back, checked them for proper fit, and double locked them. I advised █████ she was under arrest for assaulting a nurse and escorted her out to my patrol vehicle parked near the entrance of Fairfax. I reviewed █████ property that Fairfax had in an attempt to locate any other property that would be helpful for █████ at the Jail. There were a large number of clothes that Fairfax agreed to keep at the hospital for when █████ was ready to pick them up. There was no phone or purse and no other personal items that █████ wished to bring with her. I removed a small bracelet from █████ wrist and placed it into her property to be kept with her other items at Fairfax. I visually confirmed that █████ clothing did not have pockets or a

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waistband and that she was not hiding any objects. I placed her in the rear passenger compartment of my patrol vehicle. At no time did [REDACTED] complain of pain or discomfort from the handcuffs. She was very uncomfortable, according to her, from the medications that she had been given at Fairfax that were causing her to describe herself as having restless legs and arms.

I advised [REDACTED] of her Constitutional Miranda rights from my pre-printed, department issued card. [REDACTED] said "Yes" when asked if she understood each of these rights. I transported [REDACTED] to the Kirkland Jail for initial processing and to use the time at the jail to write the necessary forms for [REDACTED] to be transported to King County Jail for the felony charge of Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Corrections Officers provided [REDACTED] a pair of jail pants and removed her from handcuffs while she sat in the booking room.

During the time in jail booking [REDACTED] made comments about wanting to kill herself because she was so uncomfortable with the medicines that Fairfax had given her.

[REDACTED] admitted post-Miranda advisement that she slapped the nurse because she felt like they were not giving her enough space in her room. She said she sought treatment at Fairfax because taking heroin had made her feel suicidal and she wanted help getting off of heroin. I took a photo of [REDACTED] in the booking room and it is included with the case.

I completed a PC Certification and Superform and Corrections Officers transported [REDACTED] to King County Jail. Those documents, along with a Criminal History (showing no prior Criminal History), a Criminal History Dissemination Form, and [REDACTED] signed written statement were submitted with the case jacket.

I checked my rear passenger compartment of my patrol vehicle at the beginning of my shift and again after transporting [REDACTED] and found no contraband.

I attempted to follow up at Fairfax to speak with [REDACTED] the security employee who was in the room with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the time of the assault. I understand he works evening hours and will be in again tomorrow night working until 1am. I will follow up with him to obtain a written statement as a witness to the incident. Follow up to also include obtaining video surveillance from Fairfax when it is available next week.

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